

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MADRID 04827 111536Z

60

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 OMB-01

/059 W

----- 017154

R 111445Z JUL 75

FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2397

C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 4827

FOR AMB MCCLOSKEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SP, US

SUBJ: BASE NEGOTIATIONS--PRESS TREATMENT

1. TWO MAJOR MADRID NEWSPAPERS (ABC AND GOVT MOUTH-PIECE ARRIBA) TODAY CARRY STORY BY LOCAL PRESS SERVICE (EUROPA PRESS) ATTRIBUTING TO "WELL INFORMED SOURCES" CHARGE THAT U.S. HAS FAILED TO LIVE TO AGREEMENT REACHED AT OUTSET OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS THAT PRESS WOULD NOT BE USED AS INSTRUMENT TO APPLY PRESSURE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THIS BRIEF REPORT STATES FURTHER THAT ALTHOUGH AGREEMENT ON PRESS WAS BROUGHT TO FORE AGAIN IN SEVENTH ROUND, "AN AMERICAN PERSONALITY" HELD PRESS CONFERENCE DAY FOLLOWING THE ROUND IN WHICH HE EXPLAINED SOME DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS. SPAIN, FOR ITS PART, HAD AVOIDED GIVING ANY INFORMATION TO THE PRESS.

2. COMMENT: STORY APPARENTLY CAME OUT OF REGULAR WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFING BY FONMIN'S PRESS OFFICER. IT REFLECTS CONTINUED PRESSURE BY SPANISH PRESS ON FONMIN FOR MORE OPENNESS RE NEGOTIATIONS, AND PERHAPS AS WELL DESIRE TO DEFLECT TO U.S. BLAME FOR LEAKS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED AT THIS END, E.G., ON AMOUNT OF QUID REQUEST.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MADRID 04827 111536Z

3. I HAVE EXPLAINED TO ROVIRA MY UNHAPPINESS AT THIS,

COMING AS IT DOES ONE WEEK AFTER ASSURANCES I GAVE TO
CORTINA RE OUR MUTUAL DEALINGS WITH THE PRESS. WE HAVE
ALSO INFORMED FONMIN PRESS OFFICE THAT IN RESPONSE TO
ANY QUERIES WE INTEND TO TAKE THE LINE THAT A BACKGROUNDER
WAS HELD FOLLOWING ROUND SEVEN, BUT NO PRESS CONFERENCE;
THAT WE ENTIRELY AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT
BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE PRESS; AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO
HOPE FOR SPANISH ADHERENCE AS WELL TO THIS APPROACH.
STABLER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, ARMS, MILITARY BASES, NEGOTIATIONS, MILITARY AGREEMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MADRID04827
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750240-1048
From: MADRID
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750765/aaaacfwl.tel
Line Count: 70
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <18 JUN 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <29 OCT 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BASE NEGOTIATIONS--PRESS TREATMENT
TAGS: MARR, MASS, SP, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006